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Entity Served: RASIER, LLC (Domestic State: DELAWARE) (Served as Uber Technologies, Inc., et al. including Rasier LLC, Dfts. Name discrepancy noted.)

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in the State of MASSACHUSETTS on this 31 day of October, 2014. The following is a summary of the document(s) received: 1. Title of Action: Mark Goldberg, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, Pltf. vs. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al. including Rasier LLC, Dfts. 2. Other: Summons, Proof of Service, Cover Sheet, Attachment, Class Action Complaint, Exhibit(s) Document(s) Served: Court of Jurisdiction/Case Number: Suffolk County Superior Court, MA 3. Case # 143388G 4. Amount Claimed, if any: N/A 5. Method of Service: X Personally served by: X Process Server Deputy Sheriff U. S Marshall Delivered Via: Certified Mail Regular Mail Facsimile Other (Explain): **Date and Time of Receipt:** 10/31/2014 02:53:00 PM CST 6. 7. Appearance/Answer Date: Within 20 days after service, exclusive of the day of service 8. **Received From:** Michael T. Marshall 9. Federal Express Airbill #771715984940 The Law Office of Michael T. Marshall 50 Station Landing 10. Call Made to: Not required Suite 606 Medford, MA 02155 617-903-7483 **Special Comments:** 11. SOP Papers with Transmittal, via Fed Ex 2 Day Email Notification, SALLE YOO LEGAL@UBER.COM NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. CopiesTo:

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SUFFOLK, ss.	SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION
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(1) Uber Technologie, Inc. (1) Rasier, LLC	v. (3) Hireare LLC, Defendant(s) SUMMONS
To the above-named Defendant: ROS You are hereby summoned and requ	ired to serve upon Michael T. Marshall, esq. Station Landing Ste 606
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- 1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all defendants should appear in the caption. If a separate summons is used for each defendant, each should be addressed to the particular defendant.
- 3. TO PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF ACTION INVOLVED (1) TORT -(2) MOTOR VEHICLE TORT -(3) CONTRACT -(4) EQUITABLE RELIEF -

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ATTACHMENT TO CIVIL ACTION COVER SHEET

GOLDBERG v. UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC., et al.

SUPERIOR COURT RULE 29 STATEMENT

As set out more fully in Plaintiff's complaint, Plaintiff and the proposed class have suffered damages due to Defendants' violations of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Massachusetts Consumer Credit Reporting Act, and M.G.L. 151B. Plaintiff and the purported class are not in possession of documents and information sufficient to determine the exact amount of their damages, but have a reasonable basis for the belief that the amount in controversy well-exceeds \$25,000.00.

MARK GOLDBERG, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated,
Plaintiff,

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UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., RASIER LLC, & HIREASE, LLC Defendants Civil Action No. 14-3388

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SUPERIOR COURT - CIVIL MICHAEL JOSEPH DONOVAN

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND JURGEDEMA

- 1. This is a consumer class action challenging Defendants UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ("Uber"), Uber's wholly-owned affiliate RASIER, LLC ("Rasier") and HIREASE, INC.'s ("Hirease") widespread violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681-81x ("FCRA") in employment criminal background screening. This case further challenges Defendants' widespread violations of coordinate Massachusetts law, the Massachusetts Consumer Credit Reporting Act ("MCRA") M.G.L. c. 93 §§ 50 et seq.
- 2. Ninety-two percent of all employers, including Uber and Rasier, routinely obtain background check reports or consumer reports on prospective and existing employees. Employers frequently rely on such information as a basis for adverse employment action, e.g., denial/termination of employment.¹
- 3. Before employers use consumer background reports as a factor in their decisions to hire, promote, reassign, or terminate employees, the FCRA and MCRA impose certain strictures on those employers. Specifically, the statutes require that an employer first disclose its intent to use a background report in its hiring decision and must obtain the prospective employee's written authorization to do so, and the employer's disclosure must be "in a document that consists solely of the disclosure." 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(2)(A). Hirease contracts with these employers to provide background screening services and Uber and Rasier make use of such

¹ EEOC Enforcement Guidance, Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. § 2000 et seq. (April 25, 2012), p. 6 (http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/upload/arrest_conviction.pdf) (last visited October 24, 2014).

information in hiring decisions.

- 4. Misreported information can and does often lead to grave consequences for the job seeker. Thus, Congress enacted the FCRA to insure consumer information is furnished and used in a manner that is "fair and equitable to the consumer . . ." 15 U.S.C. § 1681(b).
- 5. Accordingly, under the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3)(A), **before** taking any adverse employment action based in whole or in part on a consumer report, the employer must provide to the job applicant:
 - a. A copy of the consumer report;
 - b. A description in writing of the rights of the consumer under the FCRA; and
 - c. A reasonable opportunity to dispute the information before rendering the adverse employment decision.
- 6. The MCRA contains similar strictures, but adds certain language protecting and advising consumers of their rights that employers must include in their notices at the varying stages.
- 7. After an adverse action occurs, the consumer job applicant must receive a second notice, mandated by 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a). (Hereafter, Plaintiff will refer to the first of these notices as the "pre-adverse action notice," and the second as the "adverse action notice.")
- 8. The pre-adverse action notice requirement is unqualified. "Employers must comply with the pre-adverse action disclosure requirement even where the information contained in the consumer report (such as a criminal record) would automatically disqualify the individual from employment or lead to an adverse employment action." FTC, 40 years of Experience with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (July 2011) p. 53.
- 9. In order to ensure knowing compliance with the FCRA, Congress further requires that before any consumer reporting agency may provide consumer reports on an applicant, the reporting agency must have obtained certification from the employer that it will comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3) by providing the consumer with a pre-adverse action notice whenever the employer decides to take adverse action based in whole or in part on the consumer report. 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(1)(A).
- 10. The Federal Trade Commission has issued guidance that when an employer enters into a bona fide independent contractor relationship with an individual, it must comply with the applicable provisions of the FCRA pertaining to consumer reports obtained for employment practices. FTC, Advisory Opinion to Allison (02-23-98) available at www.http://www.ftc.gov/policy/advisory-opinions/advisory-

opinion-allison-02-23-98 (last viewed Oct. 25, 2014).

- 11. Uber and Rasier are employers and are "users" of consumer reports for the purposes of the FCRA and it is therefore a regulated entity under the FCRA.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that Uber and Rasier knowingly, voluntarily, and with the assistance of its counsel, executed a certification providing that it would comply with various provisions of the FCRA, including providing a pre-adverse and adverse action notice, whenever adverse employment action was contemplated or taken based in whole or in part on information contained in a consumer report.
- 13. Despite its certification, Defendants knowingly violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a) and coordinate Massachusetts law by failing to provide its job applicants and employees with compliant pre-adverse action and adverse action notices in accordance with state and Federal law.
- 14. Based on these violations, Plaintiff asserts FCRA claims against Uber, Rasier and Hirease on behalf of himself and those similarly situated for Defendants' intentional failure to provide the notices as described above.
- 15. Plaintiff further asserts state law discrimination claims on his own behalf and on behalf of those similarly situated for Uber and Rasier's knowing and willful decision to refuse to hire him on the basis of an arrest alone.

PARTIES

- 16. Plaintiff MARK GOLDBERG is, and at all times relevant hereto was, an individual over the age of 18 and a resident of Hingham, Massachusetts.
- 17. Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c) because he is an individual.
- 18. Defendant UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is a company that conducts business throughout the United States, including in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Uber is a foreign corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business at 800 Market Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102. Uber has its Massachusetts office at 186 South Street Suite 20A, Boston, MA 02111. Uber maintains a registered agent with National Registered Agents, Inc, 155 Federal Street, Suite 700, Boston MA 02110.
- 19. Defendant RASIER, LLC is, on information and belief, a wholly owned subsidiary of Uber. Rasier is a foreign limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business at 1455 Market Street 4th floor, San Francisco, CA, 94103. Rasier has its Massachusetts office at 186 South Street Suite 20A, Boston, MA 02111. Rasier maintains a

- registered agent with National Registered Agents, Inc, 155 Federal Street, Suite 700, Boston MA 02110.
- 20. Defendant HIREASE, LLC is a foreign limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Florida with its principal place of business at 695 S. Bennett St, Southern Pines, NC 28387. Hirease maintains a registered agent at CT Corporation System, 150 Fayetteville St, Box 1011, Raleigh NC 27601.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Uber and Rasier were users of consumer reports and is subject to regulation under 15 U.S.C. § 1681b and M.G.L. c 93 § 50. Hirease is a producer of such reports and is therefore subject to regulation under the same laws.
- 22. Defendants have each conducted substantial business in the Commonwealth and have availed themselves of the protection of its laws.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 23. Plaintiff has never been convicted of any offense whatsoever.
- 24. Plaintiff applied to Uber for employment on or about July 22, 2014.
- 25. Defendants accept applications for employment as drivers via its website partners.uber.com/drive.
- 26. In the course of its application, Uber presents drivers with the provision "By signing up, I agree to the Privacy Policy and understand that Uber is a request tool, not a transportation carrier." https://partners.uber.com/signup/boston/p2p/
- 27. Uber's application process comprises three steps. Step One requires that the applicant "Complete the FREE online background check: http://t.uber.com/bosxbc" (See Exhibit A Email of partnersboston@uber.com to Mark Goldberg, July 22, 2014, 8:27PM, "Your UberX Application").
- 28. At the conclusion of Step One, Plaintiff was required to supply an "electronic signature" of a document entitled "Background Check Terms." This document appears inside a graphical text box that is the fraction of the overall viewable screen such that only the title of the document and the first three lines of the document are visible to the user. The visible lines pertain not to the user's rights but rather state that "Rasier, LLC, the entity that contracts with drivers who provide peer-to-peer transportation requested through the Uber app, is committed to safety."
- 29. To access the rest of the document, the user must scroll down and read an additional several dozen lines that are entirely obscured by the text box.

- 30. The document contains language purporting to grant Defendants authorization on an ongoing and continual basis to access and reaccess consumer reports at any time without further authorization of the applicant.
- 31. Step Two of the application process requires that the applicant upload certain personal information such as a driver's license, car registration, personal insurance documentation, and information about the applicant's vehicle.
- 32. Step Three requires that the applicant complete a 20-minute online quiz.
- 33. Plaintiff completed Step One on or about July, 22, 2014. On or about July 29, 2014, Uber, through its affiliate Rasier, procured an employment background check report or consumer report from a consumer reporting agency, Hirease, Inc. Defendants sent an email from "uberreports@hirease.com" on July 29, 2014 entitled "Background Report for Rasier, Boston, MA" with the attached file Mark_Goldberg_452.pdf." The PDF contains a copy of Mr. Goldberg's consumer report from Hirease. The PDF file was not password protected.
- 34. Defendants sent an email from "uberreports@hirease.com" on July 29, 2014 entitled "Background Report for Rasier, Boston, MA" with the attached file "Mark_Goldberg_448.pdf." The PDF contains a copy of Mr. Goldberg's consumer report from Hirease. The PDF file was not password protected.
- 35. On August 4, 2014, Mr. Goldberg received a copy of his consumer report from "uberreports@hirease.com". The email states in part that "[t]his consumer report was used only for purposes of determining your eligibility as an independent contractor. . ." (Exhibit B, Email of uberreports@hirease.com to Mark Goldberg, Aug. 4 2014 9:36PM) (emphasis added). A "PDF" attachment labeled "MarkGoldberg390.pdf" accompanied the email. (Exhibit C, "MarkGoldberg390.pdf" printout.)
- 36. The August 4th, 2014 email indicates only that "[c]urrently, a decision is pending regarding your proposal. The contents of the enclosed report are under review and are being considered with regard to your proposal." This pre-decision email does not expressly state that adverse action against the Plaintiff was being contemplated.
- 37. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has promulgated a regulation at 803 C.M.R. 2.11(2) providing that "Electronically-stored CORI shall be password protected and encrypted. Employers and governmental licensing agencies shall limit password access to only those employees who have been approved by them to access CORI."
- 38. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has promulgated regulation at 803 C.M.R. 2.11(3) that "CORI shall not be stored using public cloud storage methods."

- 39. Defendants, on information and belief, stored Plaintiff's consumer report on public cloud storage methods including email servers.
- 40. The MarkGoldberg390.pdf file attached to the August 4, 2014 email was password protected. It contains first a FCRA "Summary of Rights." That Summary of Rights recites:

Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20006. You may have additional rights under Maine's FCRA, Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, Sec 1311 et seq. (Emphasis in original, except for underlining of "Maine.")

- 41. The Summary of Rights does not contain the statutorily-required language prescribed by Massachusetts law informing the consumer that the reporting agency shall upon the request of the consumer provide the consumer a copy of such report upon its completion. Rather, the Summary of Rights document contains language required by the law of the State of Maine.
- 42. Prior to the decision not to hire Plaintiff, Plaintiff was aware that the Federal charges could appear on a consumer report. He therefore emailed Uber's Boston location August 5, 2014 in an effort to provide details of the situation. In that email, Plaintiff makes abundantly clear that "[w]hile I may have been charged, I have not been tried nor have I ever been convicted of any crimes."
- 43. On that same day, Boston Community Operations Manager Brenna Dion replied stating that "[w]e will certainly take the information you provided into consideration."
- 44. On August 12, 2014 at 1:21AM, an automated email from "uberreports@hirease.com" informed Plaintiff that "[i]n reference to your proposal to enter an independent contractor relationship, Rasier Boston, MA regrets to inform you that they are unable to further consider your proposal at this time. The decision, in part, is the result of information obtained through the Consumer Reporting Agency identified below." (See Exhibit D, Email from uberreports@hirease.com, Tue. Aug. 12, 2014, 1:21AM).
- 45. Uber declined to hire Plaintiff on the basis of the information in the consumer report.
- 46. Prior to declining to hire Plaintiff, Defendants did not issue a compliant preadverse action notice to Plaintiff.

- 47. Plaintiff never received a compliant pre-adverse action notice either from Uber, Rasier, Hirease or any other party contracted by Uber to provide such notice.
- 48. Plaintiff was deprived of any meaningful opportunity to review the information in the consumer report and discuss it with Uber before it made the decision not to hire him as the automated email came at 1:21AM and did not give meaningful consideration to Plaintiff's position on the matter.
- 49. On information and belief, Defendants conduct five or more criminal background checks annually and therefore are required to maintain a written criminal offender record information policy.
- 50. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff with a copy of any "CORI" or other background check policy.
- 51. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff with a copy of the "Massachusetts Information Concerning the Process in Correcting a Criminal Record" pamphlet required by statute and available at http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/chsb/cori-process-correcting-criminal-record.pdf.
- 52. On August 12, 2014 at 9:37AM, Plaintiff emailed Brenna Dion urging Uber to engage in individualized consideration of his situation. In response, Uber stated:

"Please know that we review every application extremely thoroughly. While we sincerely appreciate your interest in partnering with Uber, we cannot move forward with your application. . . Please understand that this is purely a business decision." (Exhibit E, Email chain of Mark Goldberg and Brenna Dion, Aug. 12, 2014 9:37AM-1:31PM).

- 53. At 5:16PM that same day, Plaintiff emailed Uber once again questioning the legality of its refusal to hire on the basis of the information contained in the consumer report. Plaintiff further urged reconsideration of the matter. Plaintiff likewise expressed in no uncertain terms that "Massachusetts laws state that while Uber is entitled to conduct the background check, employers may not base any employment decision on arrests or prosecution that have not lead to a conviction."
- 54. The next morning, Jason Holt, Uber Boston Senior Operations Manager, personally emailed Plaintiff stating:

"As I am sure you know, Uber does not employ any drivers or own any vehicles. Our background checks are meant to ensure that we are connecting riders with the safest rides on the road. If at any time your circumstances change and you would like us to re-run your background check, please let us know." (Exhibit F, Email of Jason Holt to Mark Goldberg, Thu. Aug 15, 2014, 7:31AM)

55. Defendants' FCRA obligations apply regardless of whether Defendants viewed Plaintiff as a prospective "employee" or "independent contractor" – indeed, even if Defendants viewed Plaintiff as a prospective independent contractor, that

assumption is wrong under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 148B. Defendants knew or should have known their duties under the FCRA to provide pre-adverse and adverse action notices compliant with 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a). Nevertheless, Defendants intentionally, recklessly, or grossly negligently failed to provide the same to Plaintiff.

- 56. Defendants knew or should have known their duties under M.G.L. c. 93 § 50 et seq. to maintain a CORI policy and to provide a copy of such policy to Plaintiff upon an adverse employment decision.
- 57. Defendants knew or should have known their duties to include in the adverse action notice the statutorily-prescribed language under M.G.L. c. 93 § 62 requiring the Defendants to inform the consumer of his rights in substantially the manner mandated by the statute.
- 58. Defendants' final adverse action notice advises Plaintiff of some Federally-required rights but fails to inform the Consumer of the following rights, required by M.G.L. c. 93 § 62, emphasized in bold, below:

"You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit file from a consumer credit reporting agency. You may be charged a reasonable fee not exceeding eight dollars. There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for credit, employment, insurance, or rental dwelling because of information in your credit report within the preceding sixty days. The consumer credit reporting agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information in your credit file. Each calendar year you are entitled to receive, upon request, one free consumer credit report.

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the consumer reporting agency directly, either in writing or by telephone. The consumer reporting agency shall provide, upon request and without unreasonable delay, a live representative of the consumer reporting agency to assist in dispute resolution whenever possible and practicable, or to the extent consistent with federal law. However, neither you nor any credit repair company or credit service organization has the right to have accurate, current, and verifiable information removed from your credit report. In most cases, under state and federal law, the consumer credit reporting agency must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old, and must remove bankruptcy information only if it is over ten years old.

If you have notified a consumer credit reporting agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the consumer credit reporting agency must then, within thirty business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee for this service. Any pertinent information and copies of all documents you have concerning a dispute should be given to the consumer credit reporting agency.

If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a statement to the consumer credit reporting agency to keep in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The consumer credit reporting agency must include your statement about the disputed information in a report it issues about you.

You have a right to receive a record of all inquires relating to a credit transaction initiated in

the six months preceding your request, or two years in the case of a credit report used for employment purposes. This record shall include the recipients of any consumer credit report.

You have the right to opt out of any prescreening lists compiled by or with the assistance of a consumer credit reporting agency by calling the agency's toll-free telephone number or contacting the agency in writing. You may be entitled to collect compensation, in certain circumstances, if you are damaged by a person's negligent or intentional failure to comply with the credit reporting act.

You have a right to request a "security freeze" on your consumer report. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization. A security freeze shall be requested by sending a request either by certified mail, overnight mail or regular stamped mail to a consumer reporting agency, or as authorized by regulation. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans or services from being approved in your name without your consent. You should be aware that using a security freeze may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, internet credit card transactions, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

When you place a security freeze on your consumer report, within 5 business days of receiving your request for a security freeze, the consumer reporting agency shall provide you with a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your consumer report or to authorize the release of your consumer report to a specific party or for a specified period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide the following:-

- (1) the personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) the third party or parties who are to receive the consumer report or the specified period of time for which the report shall be available to authorized users of the consumer report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift a freeze on a consumer report shall comply with the request not later than 3 business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze shall not apply to a person or entity, or to its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information relative to your consumer report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account, if you have previously given consent to the use of your consumer report. "Reviewing the account" includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- 59. During the relevant period, Hirease provided and continues to provide consumer reports to Uber and Rasier under a service agreement. Plaintiff is informed and believes that under the service agreement, Uber and Rasier certified to Hirease that they would comply with the FCRA, including provisions specifically and directly relating to their duties to provide pre-adverse action and adverse action notices to its job applicants and employees.
- 60. Defendants knowingly, voluntarily, and with the assistance of counsel signed the

service agreement including the above-mentioned certification.

- 61. Therefore, Defendants are well aware of their obligations to provide compliant pre-adverse action and adverse action notices to its job applicants and employees whenever it decides to take adverse action. Nevertheless, Defendants Uber and Rasier neither directly provide such notices nor do they contract with Hirease to do so.
- 62. In direct violation of the FCRA and M.G.L. c. 93, whenever adverse action is taken against an applicant on the basis of information disclosed on a consumer report, Defendants simply tell the applicant that the adverse action is "purely a business decision." Defendants do not afford the applicants the procedural safeguards mandated by law as described above including failing to provide consumers with pre-adverse action notice, along with a reasonable opportunity to dispute the information *before* taking adverse action.
- 63. On information and belief, among its service offerings, Hirease provides a package of services which purport to assist the employer in complying with the FCRA by automatically generating and emailing pre-adverse action and adverse action notices to the consumer along with a copy of the consumer report under the employer's letterhead whenever there has been an adverse action adjudication by Hirease based on pre-determined criteria supplied by Uber and Rasier.
- 64. Consumer reporting agencies routinely provide a similar service and many employers purchase it. Uber and Rasier could have easily and cost-effectively complied with the mandates of the FCRA and G.L. c. 93 by purchasing such services, but failed to do so.
- 65. Uber knew or had reason to know that its conduct was inconsistent with published FTC guidance interpreting the FCRA and the plain language of the statute as applicable to independent contractors. Advisory Opinion to Allison (02-23-98) available at http://www.ftc.gov/policy/advisory-opinions/advisory-opinion-allison-02-23-98 (last viewed October 29, 2014).
- 66. Pursuant to M.G.L. 151B, Section 4(9), and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, an employer may not utilize as a factor in determining any condition of employment including hiring, promotion, or termination, any record of an arrest that did not result in conviction including but not limited to charges that have been dismissed, disposed of prior to trial, or never prosecuted. See http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/practices/inquiries arrest conviction.cfm
- 67. In direct and knowing violation of these statutes, Defendants denied Plaintiff's employment on the basis of an arrest alone.

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

COUNT I - Violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681b(b)(3)(A) (on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

- 68. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
- 69. Defendants used a "consumer report," as defined by the FCRA, to take adverse employment action against Plaintiff and other members of the Putative Class.
- 70. Defendants violated the FCRA by failing to acquire from Plaintiff and Class members proper authorization prior to conducting the background check and/or did not utilize an authorization with the requisite statutory requirements.
- 71. Defendants violated the FCRA by failing to provide Plaintiff and other Putative Class members, prior to taking adverse action, with notice that adverse action would be taken in whole or in part based on a consumer report.
- 72. The foregoing violations were willful. Defendants acted in deliberate or reckless disregard of its obligations and the rights of Plaintiff and other Class members under 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3)(A). The willfulness of Defendants' conduct is reflected by, among other things, the following facts:
 - a. Based on the plain language of the statute, legal advice provided by its own general counsel, or outside employment counsel, and published FTC guidance, Defendants knew or should have known that its failure to provide compliant pre-adverse actions notice was unlawful:
 - b. Based on published FTC guidance, Defendants knew or should have known that its choice to consider itself exempt from the provisions of the FCRA because they believe themselves to utilize independent contractors and not employees was unlawful;
 - c. Defendants could have complied with the statutory duty to provide a preadverse action notice either by sending the notice directly to the affected consumer job applicant, or by contracting with Hirease to do so on its behalf;
 - d. Despite the clear notice of the law, full ability to comply, and ample opportunity to do so, Defendants failed to adopt any measure or mechanism which would have provided the required notice to Plaintiff and the Class.
- 73. Plaintiff and the Putative Class are entitled to statutory damages of not less than

- \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 for each and every one of these violations, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1)(A).
- 74. Plaintiff and the Putative Class are further entitled to recover their costs and attorney's fees, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3).

COUNT II - Violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Credit Reporting Act M.G.L c. 93 §§ 50 et seq.

- 75. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
- 76. Defendants used a "consumer report" as defined by the MCRA to take adverse employment action against Plaintiff and other members of the Putative Class.
- 77. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to include statutorily-required language in its Summary of Rights document.
- 78. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to password protect and encrypt consumer reports.
- 79. Defendants violated the MCRA by storing and transmitting consumer reports through cloud-based, public storage systems.
- 80. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to maintain and to provide a CORI policy.
- 81. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to provide to applicants a copy of the DCJIS pamphlet.
- 82. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to advise Plaintiff and the Members of the Putative Class of the statutorily-required rights in M.G.L. c. 93 § 62 in their adverse action notice.
- 83. The foregoing violations were willful. Defendants acted in deliberate or reckless disregard of their obligations and the rights of Plaintiff and other Class members under M.G.L. c. 93 § 50 et seq.
- 84. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to:
 - a. Any actual damages sustained by the consumer as a result of the failure;
 - b. Such amount of punitive damages as the court may allow;
 - c. The costs of this action together with reasonable attorney's fees as determined by the court; and
 - d. Treble damages and attorney fees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93 § 68, incorporating by reference M.G.L. 93A § 2(a).

COUNT III - VIOLATION OF M.G.L. c. 151B² (on behalf of the Plaintiff and the Subclass)

- 85. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
- 86. Defendants violated M.G.L. c. 151B by taking adverse action against Plaintiff and the other Putative Class members on the basis of records of arrests that did not result in conviction in violation of M.G.L. c. 151B
- 87. Plaintiff and the Putative Class are entitled to actual or statutory damages, back pay, front pay, emotional distress damages, and punitive damages for each and every one of these violations plus costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF seeks judgment in favor of himself and the proposed Class and Subclasses:

- That an order be entered certifying a proposed FCRA class and a proposed MCRA class and appointing Plaintiff and his counsel to represent the Class and Subclasses;
- 2. That statutory penalties be entered against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiff and Class members, which should be multiplied as may be statutorily required;
- 3. That punitive damages be assessed against Defendants;
- 4. That the Court award costs and reasonable attorney's fees against Defendants;
- 5. That Plaintiff and the subclass be awarded compensatory and punitive damages on claims under Chapter 151B; and
- 6. That the court grant all such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

² Plaintiff recognizes that this claim is not quite ripe in court until he has exhausted administrative remedies and removed his MCAD action to this Court. Plaintiff has filed the requisite MCAD action. Accordingly, this count is pleaded as a placeholder until the requisite time passes for plaintiff to withdraw his MCAD action from the MCAD. Plaintiff agrees not to pursue this count in court until such time.

A JURY TRIAL IS DEMANDED ON ALL ISSUES SO TRIABLE.

DATED OCTOBER 29, 2014

THE PLAINTIFF

MARK GOLBERG on his own behalf and on

Behalf of all others similarly situated

Michael T. Marshall, Esq.

BBO: 678550

The Law Office of Michael T. Marshall, Esq.

50 Station Landing Suite 606

Medford, MA 02155

617-903-7483

Michael@MLBoston.com

Exhibit A

Email of partnersboston@uber.com to Mark Goldberg, July 22, 2014, 8:27PM, "Your UberX Application"



Mark Goldberg <mergos@gmail.com>

Your UberX Application

1 message

partnersboston@uber.com <pertnersboston@uber.com> To: marqos@gmail.com Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 8:27 PM

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Hi Mark,

Applying to partner with Uber is easy! Go to partners.uber.com.

You'll need to complete THREE steps before you hit the road. This should take about 30 minutes total. Once you've completed these three easy steps, we'll be able to ship a phone directly to you!

STEP 1: Complete the FREE online background check: http://t.uber.com/bosXbc (5 minutes)

Please note that you may have already completed this background check when you signed up. If you try to fill out the background check again, you will get a message saying that "your email address has already been registered."

STEP 2: Upload required documents to partners.uber.com (5 minutes)

The following documents are required to partner with Uber:

- Driver's license
- Car registration
- Personal Insurance documentation
- Car make / model (2004 or newer) / plate

To upload documents, sign in to https://partners.uber.com with your username and password. Follow the website instructions to upload images of these documents.

If you have trouble with this step, e-mail a photo of your personal insurance, car registration, and driver's license to bostondocs@uber.com. Please include your cell phone # in the email.

STEP 3: Pass online quiz (20 minutes)

- A. Click here to view the video: http://t.uber.com/bosXquiz
- B. Click the "Start" button
- C. Complete the videos and final quiz

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	Once you complete the steps above, please e-mail us at partnersboston@uber.com to request a phone.	
	Thanks!	
	Uber Boston	
	Forgot your password? Click here to reset your password: https://partners.uber.com/#!/forgot-password	
	Got questions? Email us at partnersboston@uber.com	
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Exhibit B

Email of uberreports@hirease.com to Mark Goldberg, Aug. 4 2014 9:36PM



Mark Goldberg <marqon@gmail.com>

Rasier Boston, MA [Encrypt]

uberreports@hirease.com <uberreports@hirease.com>
To: marqos@gmail.com

Mon, Aug 4, 2014 at 9:36 PM

Consumer

With regard to your proposal to enter an independent contractor relationship with Resier Boston, MA, you authorized them to procure a consumer report. Enclosed is a copy of the consumer report that you authorized. Also enclosed is a copy of the "Summery of Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act." These are being provided to you pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Currently, a decision is pending regarding your proposal. The contents of the enclosed report are under review and are being considered with regard to your proposal.

Please note HIREASE, INC. plays NO PART in the eligibility decision. HIREASE, INC. is UNABLE to provide you with the specific reason(s) for Resier Boston, MA not agreeing to your proposal.

This consumer report was used only for purposes of determining your eligibility as an independent contractor and was prepared for us by a consumer reporting agency. If this report contains any information that is inaccurate or incomplete, please contact HIREASE, INC. immediately so that the corrected or disputed information can be reviewed prior to a decision being made.

Their mailing address and phone number are listed below:

HIREASE, INC. PO Box 2659 Southern Pines, NC 28388 Voice: 866-680-3596 Fax: 866-693-1785 www.hirease.com

Within 60 days of receipt of this notice, you may, upon providing proper identification, request another free copy of the report. Further, you may dispute the completeness or accuracy of any information in the report by contacting Hiresse at the above address. Upon notice from you of a dispute, a re-verification will be made unless there are reasonable grounds to believe the dispute is frivolous or irrelevant. If parts of the report are deleted or changed because of this re-verification, Razier Boston, MA and the consumer will receive a corrected report.

Again,

Please note HIREASE, INC. plays NO PART in the eligibility decision. HIREASE, INC. is UNABLE to provide you with the specific reason(s) for Resier Boston, MA not agreeing to your proposal.

Your report has been password protected. The password is your drivers license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number and the first 3 letters of your last name.

Exhibit C

"MarkGoldberg390.pdf" printout.

CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR:

COMPANY:

Rasier Boston, MA Boston, MA

REFERENCE: REQUESTOR: David Dreylus CLISHT 8: RRASEM13

PHONE #1 PAX #:

DATE RECEIVED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM DATE COMPLETED: 8/4/2014 1:29 PM

PACKAGE: Level 2 Package

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SEARCH TYPE: County - Felony and Misdemeanor

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LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark

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SEARCH TYPE: County - Felony and Misdemeanor

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LOCATION: San Francisco, CA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark

SEARCH TYPE: County - Felony and Misdemeanor

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LOCATION: California Northern, CA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark

SEARCH TYPE: Federal District

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NAME: MARK GOLDBERG

OTHER: FULL NAME AND FULL ADDRESS MATCH

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LOCATION: New York Southern, NY

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark SEARCH TYPE: Federal District

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TERM: 7+ Years

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SOCIAL TRACE

SEARCH TYPE: Social Security Trace

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

RETURNED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

Goldberg, Mark L.

ISSUE STATE: MA

156UE DATE: 1973-1975

Goldberg, Mark L

RPTD: 1994-10-01 to 2014-07-01

COUNTY: PLYMOUTH

DISTRICT: MASSACHUSETTS

Goldberg, Mark L

RPTD: 2010-06-01 to 2013-01-01

COUNTY: LOS ANGELES

DISTRICT: CALIFORNIA CENTRAL

Goldberg, Mark L

CPTD: 2010-08-01 to 2012-09-01

COUNTY: SAN FRANCISCO

DISTRICT: CALIFORNIA NORTHERN

Goldberg, Mark L

COUNTY: NEW YORK

RPTD: 2010-03-01 to 2010-03-01

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DISTRICT: NEW YORK SOUTHERN

Exhibit D

Email from uberreports@hirease.com, Tue. Aug. 12, 2014, 1:21AM



Mark Goldberg <marqoe@gmail.com>

Rasier Boston, MA

1 message

uberreports@hirease.com <uberreports@hirease.com>

Tue, Aug 12, 2014 at 1:21 AM

To: marqos@gmail.com

Dear Consumer:

In reference to your proposal to enter an independent contractor relationship, Resier Boston, MA regrets to inform you that they are unable to further consider your proposal at this time. The decision, in part, is the result of information obtained through the Consumer Reporting Agency identified below.

In accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you have previously received a copy of this information and a copy of your rights under the Act. You have the right to obtain within 80 days of receipt of this letter a free copy of your consumer report from the Consumer Reporting Agency as identified below, which complies and maintains files on consumers on a nationwide basis.

You have the right to dispute any information contained in the report that you believe may be inaccurate or incomplete by contacting Hiresse or, if the report is a credit report, by contacting the credit bureau that furnished the report.

The report was furnished to us by:

Hirease, Inc. Attn: Applicant Screening P O Box 2559 Southern Pines NC 28388 (868) 680-3598

Please understand that while Hirease, Inc. provided the report, they DID NOT make this decision, and they are UNABLE to provide you the specific reasons as to why Resier Boston. MA made this decision.

8/19/14, 9:13 AM

Exhibit E

Email chain of Mark Goldberg and Brenna Dion, Aug. 12, 2014 9:37AM-1:31PM



Mark Goldberg <marqoe@gmail.com>

[Uber] Re: My applications status and UberX candidacy

Brenna Oton <notifications-support@ubercab.zendesk.com>
Reply-To: Uber <support+id8887498@ubercab.zendesk.com>
To: Marqos <marqos@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 12, 2014 at 4:31 PM

UBER

##- Please type your reply above this line -##

Your request (8687496) has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.

Brenna Dion (Uber)

Aug 12 13:31

Hi Mark,

Thanks for your reply. Please know that we review every application extremely thoroughly. While we sincerely appreciate your interest in partnering with Uber, we cannot move forward with your application. I have no doubt that you are a caring and polite individual, and I appreciate you taking the time to email regarding your application. Please understand that this purely a business decision.

Sincerely.

Brenna

Community Operations Manager

uber.com | facebook.com/uber | @uber

Margos

Aug 12 09:37

Dear Brenna,

I received an email last night confirming my background report. My hope is that you will have compassion for my unique circumstances, given that I haven't been convicted of any crimes, have a clean driving record and don't use any drugs, have no history of violence, and have offered an official reference to confirm the veracity of my statements.

I understand how it may be much easier simply to deny my eligibility, but I think that under careful consideration you will see that this is a very low-risk situation for Uber, with a great deal of upside. I believe that if you gave me a chance you would see that I would only perform as a stellar addition to your fleet. I am responsible, caring, polite, and aim to exceed passenger expectations in every way possible. Please take a chance on me, I won't let you down.

Sincerely,

Mark Goldberg 617-505-8290

Brenna Dion (Uber) (Quoted text hidden)

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Exhibit F

Email of Jason Holt to Mark Goldberg, Thu. Aug 15, 2014, 7:31AM



Mark Goldberg <marqoe@gmail.com>

[Uber] Re: My applications status and UberX candidacy

Jacon Holt <notifications-support@ubercab.zendesk.com>
Reply-To: Uber <support+id8687496@ubercab.zendesk.com>
To: Marqos <merqos@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 15, 2014 at 10:31 AM

UBER

##- Please type your raply above this line -##

Your request (8667496) has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.

Jason Holt (Uber) Aug 15 07:31

Dear Mark.

Thanks for your email and we appreciate you reaching out. As I am sure you know, Uber does not employ any drivers or own any vehicles. Our background checks are meant to ensure that we are connecting riders with the safest rides on the road. If at any time your circumstances change and you would like us to re-run your background check, please let us know.

Best regards,

Jason

Uber Boston Senior Operations Manager

Margos Aug 14 14:16

(Quoted text hidden)

NATIONAL REGISTERED AGENTS, INC.

SERVICE OF PROCESS SUMMARY TRANSMITTAL FORM

To: SHIRIN SCHOKRPUR
UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
1455 MARKET STREET
4TH FLOOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103

Transmitted by Dahrlena Mitchell

SOP Transmittal # 525996188

617-757-6404 - Telephone

Entity Served: UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. (Domestic State: DELAWARE)

Enclosed herewith are legal documents received on behalf of the above captioned entity by National Registered Agents, Inc. or its Affiliate in the State of MASSACHUSETTS on this 31 day of October, 2014. The following is a summary of the document(s) received:

in the	State of MASSACH	USELLS on t	this 31 day of October, 2014. I	ne following is a summary of	the document(s) received:						
1.	Title of Action: Mark Goldberg, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated, Pltf. vs. Uber Technologies, Inc., et al., Dfts.										
2.	Document(s) Served: Other: Summons, Proof of Service, Cover Sheet, Attachment, Class Action Complaint, Exhibit(s)										
3.	Court of Jurisdiction/Case Number: Suffolk County Superior Court, MA Case # 143388G										
4.	Amount Claimed,	if any: N/A									
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The information contained in this Summary Transmittal Form is provided by National Registered Agents, Inc. for informational purposes only and should not be considered a legal opinion. It is the responsibility of the parties receiving this form to review the legal documents forwarded and to take appropriate action.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SUFFOLK, ss.	SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT CIVIL ACTION
	No14-3388
Mark Goldherg	, Plaintiff(s)
(1) Uber Technologies trc. (2) Rasier, LLC (3) Hirease	, LLC , Defendant(s)
SUMMO	ons
To the above-named Defendant: \(\int \text{be} \) Teckible of \(Vou are hereby summoned and required to serve up	oon Michael T. Marshall
plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Middle MA the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judg relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required of the Clerk of this court at Boston either before service time thereafter.	gment by default will be taken against you for the to file your answer to the complaint in the office
Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your ans you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be be	the transaction or occurrence that is the subject
Witness, Barbara J. Rouse, Esquire, at Bo	
Michael	l Joseph Donovan
A true copy Attest: July	Clerk/Magistrate
Deputy Sheriff Suffolk County	

NOTES

- 1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all defendants should appear in the caption. If a separate summons is used for each defendant, each should be addressed to the particular defendant.
- 3. TO PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF ACTION INVOLVED

 (1) TORT (2) MOTOR VEHICLE TORT (3) CONTRACT (4) EQUITABLE RELIEF (5) OTHER

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ATTACHMENT TO CIVIL ACTION COVER SHEET

GOLDBERG v. UBER TECHNOLOGIES INC., et al.

SUPERIOR COURT RULE 29 STATEMENT

As set out more fully in Plaintiff's complaint, Plaintiff and the proposed class have suffered damages due to Defendants' violations of the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Massachusetts Consumer Credit Reporting Act, and M.G.L. 151B. Plaintiff and the purported class are not in possession of documents and information sufficient to determine the exact amount of their damages, but have a reasonable basis for the belief that the amount in controversy well-exceeds \$25,000.00.

MARK GOLDBERG, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

V.

UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., RASIER LLC, & HIREASE, LLC
Defendants

Civil Action No.

14-33885



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SUPERIOR COURT - CIVIL MICHAEL JOSEPH DONOVAN

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMANDLERK / MAGISTRATE

- 1. This is a consumer class action challenging Defendants UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., ("Uber"), Uber's wholly-owned affiliate RASIER, LLC ("Rasier") and HIREASE, INC.'s ("Hirease") widespread violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681-81x ("FCRA") in employment criminal background screening. This case further challenges Defendants' widespread violations of coordinate Massachusetts law, the Massachusetts Consumer Credit Reporting Act ("MCRA") M.G.L. c. 93 §§ 50 et seq.
- 2. Ninety-two percent of all employers, including Uber and Rasier, routinely obtain background check reports or consumer reports on prospective and existing employees. Employers frequently rely on such information as a basis for adverse employment action, e.g., denial/termination of employment.
- 3. Before employers use consumer background reports as a factor in their decisions to hire, promote, reassign, or terminate employees, the FCRA and MCRA impose certain strictures on those employers. Specifically, the statutes require that an employer first disclose its intent to use a background report in its hiring decision and must obtain the prospective employee's written authorization to do so, and the employer's disclosure must be "in a document that consists solely of the disclosure." 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(2)(A). Hirease contracts with these employers to provide background screening services and Uber and Rasier make use of such

¹ EEOC Enforcement Guidance, Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended 42 U.S.C. § 2000 et seq. (April 25, 2012), p. 6 (http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/guidance/upload/arrest_conviction.pdf) (last visited October 24, 2014).

information in hiring decisions.

- 4. Misreported information can and does often lead to grave consequences for the job seeker. Thus, Congress enacted the FCRA to insure consumer information is furnished and used in a manner that is "fair and equitable to the consumer . . ." 15 U.S.C. § 1681(b).
- 5. Accordingly, under the FCRA, 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3)(A), **before** taking any adverse employment action based in whole or in part on a consumer report, the employer must provide to the job applicant:
 - a. A copy of the consumer report;
 - b. A description in writing of the rights of the consumer under the FCRA; and
 - c. A reasonable opportunity to dispute the information before rendering the adverse employment decision.
- 6. The MCRA contains similar strictures, but adds certain language protecting and advising consumers of their rights that employers must include in their notices at the varying stages.
- 7. After an adverse action occurs, the consumer job applicant must receive a second notice, mandated by 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a). (Hereafter, Plaintiff will refer to the first of these notices as the "pre-adverse action notice," and the second as the "adverse action notice.")
- 8. The pre-adverse action notice requirement is unqualified. "Employers must comply with the pre-adverse action disclosure requirement even where the information contained in the consumer report (such as a criminal record) would automatically disqualify the individual from employment or lead to an adverse employment action." FTC, 40 years of Experience with the Fair Credit Reporting Act (July 2011) p. 53.
- 9. In order to ensure knowing compliance with the FCRA, Congress further requires that before any consumer reporting agency may provide consumer reports on an applicant, the reporting agency must have obtained certification from the employer that it will comply with 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3) by providing the consumer with a pre-adverse action notice whenever the employer decides to take adverse action based in whole or in part on the consumer report. 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(1)(A).
- 10. The Federal Trade Commission has issued guidance that when an employer enters into a bona fide independent contractor relationship with an individual, it must comply with the applicable provisions of the FCRA pertaining to consumer reports obtained for employment practices. FTC, Advisory Opinion to Allison (02-23-98) available at www.http://www.ftc.gov/policy/advisory-opinions/advisory-

opinion-allison-02-23-98 (last viewed Oct. 25, 2014).

- 11. Uber and Rasier are employers and are "users" of consumer reports for the purposes of the FCRA and it is therefore a regulated entity under the FCRA.
- 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges that Uber and Rasier knowingly, voluntarily, and with the assistance of its counsel, executed a certification providing that it would comply with various provisions of the FCRA, including providing a pre-adverse and adverse action notice, whenever adverse employment action was contemplated or taken based in whole or in part on information contained in a consumer report.
- 13. Despite its certification, Defendants knowingly violated 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a) and coordinate Massachusetts law by failing to provide its job applicants and employees with compliant pre-adverse action and adverse action notices in accordance with state and Federal law.
- 14. Based on these violations, Plaintiff asserts FCRA claims against Uber, Rasier and Hirease on behalf of himself and those similarly situated for Defendants' intentional failure to provide the notices as described above.
- 15. Plaintiff further asserts state law discrimination claims on his own behalf and on behalf of those similarly situated for Uber and Rasier's knowing and willful decision to refuse to hire him on the basis of an arrest alone.

PARTIES

- 16. Plaintiff MARK GOLDBERG is, and at all times relevant hereto was, an individual over the age of 18 and a resident of Hingham, Massachusetts.
- 17. Plaintiff is a consumer as defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1681a(c) because he is an individual.
- 18. Defendant UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is a company that conducts business throughout the United States, including in Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Uber is a foreign corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business at 800 Market Street, 7th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102. Uber has its Massachusetts office at 186 South Street Suite 20A, Boston, MA 02111. Uber maintains a registered agent with National Registered Agents, Inc, 155 Federal Street, Suite 700, Boston MA 02110.
- 19. Defendant RASIER, LLC is, on information and belief, a wholly owned subsidiary of Uber. Rasier is a foreign limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware with its principal place of business at 1455 Market Street 4th floor, San Francisco, CA, 94103. Rasier has its Massachusetts office at 186 South Street Suite 20A, Boston, MA 02111. Rasier maintains a

- registered agent with National Registered Agents, Inc, 155 Federal Street, Suite 700, Boston MA 02110.
- 20. Defendant HIREASE, LLC is a foreign limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Florida with its principal place of business at 695 S. Bennett St, Southern Pines, NC 28387. Hirease maintains a registered agent at CT Corporation System, 150 Fayetteville St, Box 1011, Raleigh NC 27601.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Uber and Rasier were users of consumer reports and is subject to regulation under 15 U.S.C. § 1681b and M.G.L. c 93 § 50. Hirease is a producer of such reports and is therefore subject to regulation under the same laws.
- 22. Defendants have each conducted substantial business in the Commonwealth and have availed themselves of the protection of its laws.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 23. Plaintiff has never been convicted of any offense whatsoever.
- 24. Plaintiff applied to Uber for employment on or about July 22, 2014.
- 25. Defendants accept applications for employment as drivers via its website partners.uber.com/drive.
- 26. In the course of its application, Uber presents drivers with the provision "By signing up, I agree to the Privacy Policy and understand that Uber is a request tool, not a transportation carrier." https://partners.uber.com/signup/boston/p2p/
- 27. Uber's application process comprises three steps. Step One requires that the applicant "Complete the FREE online background check: http://t.uber.com/bosxbc" (See Exhibit A Email of partnersboston@uber.com to Mark Goldberg, July 22, 2014, 8:27PM, "Your UberX Application").
- 28. At the conclusion of Step One, Plaintiff was required to supply an "electronic signature" of a document entitled "Background Check Terms." This document appears inside a graphical text box that is the fraction of the overall viewable screen such that only the title of the document and the first three lines of the document are visible to the user. The visible lines pertain not to the user's rights but rather state that "Rasier, LLC, the entity that contracts with drivers who provide peer-to-peer transportation requested through the Uber app, is committed to safety."
- 29. To access the rest of the document, the user must scroll down and read an additional several dozen lines that are entirely obscured by the text box.

- 30. The document contains language purporting to grant Defendants authorization on an ongoing and continual basis to access and reaccess consumer reports at any time without further authorization of the applicant.
- 31. Step Two of the application process requires that the applicant upload certain personal information such as a driver's license, car registration, personal insurance documentation, and information about the applicant's vehicle.
- 32. Step Three requires that the applicant complete a 20-minute online quiz.
- 33. Plaintiff completed Step One on or about July, 22, 2014. On or about July 29, 2014, Uber, through its affiliate Rasier, procured an employment background check report or consumer report from a consumer reporting agency, Hirease, Inc. Defendants sent an email from "uberreports@hirease.com" on July 29, 2014 entitled "Background Report for Rasier, Boston, MA" with the attached file Mark_Goldberg_452.pdf." The PDF contains a copy of Mr. Goldberg's consumer report from Hirease. The PDF file was not password protected.
- 34. Defendants sent an email from "uberreports@hirease.com" on July 29, 2014 entitled "Background Report for Rasier, Boston, MA" with the attached file "Mark_Goldberg_448.pdf." The PDF contains a copy of Mr. Goldberg's consumer report from Hirease. The PDF file was not password protected.
- 35. On August 4, 2014, Mr. Goldberg received a copy of his consumer report from "uberreports@hirease.com". The email states in part that "[t]his consumer report was used only for purposes of determining your eligibility as an independent contractor. . ." (Exhibit B, Email of uberreports@hirease.com to Mark Goldberg, Aug. 4 2014 9:36PM) (emphasis added). A "PDF" attachment labeled "MarkGoldberg390.pdf" accompanied the email. (Exhibit C, "MarkGoldberg390.pdf" printout.)
- 36. The August 4th, 2014 email indicates only that "[c]urrently, a decision is pending regarding your proposal. The contents of the enclosed report are under review and are being considered with regard to your proposal." This pre-decision email does not expressly state that adverse action against the Plaintiff was being contemplated.
- 37. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has promulgated a regulation at 803 C.M.R. 2.11(2) providing that "Electronically-stored CORI shall be password protected and encrypted. Employers and governmental licensing agencies shall limit password access to only those employees who have been approved by them to access CORI."
- 38. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has promulgated regulation at 803 C.M.R. 2.11(3) that "CORI shall not be stored using public cloud storage methods."

- 39. Defendants, on information and belief, stored Plaintiff's consumer report on public cloud storage methods including email servers.
- 40. The MarkGoldberg390.pdf file attached to the August 4, 2014 email was password protected. It contains first a FCRA "Summary of Rights." That Summary of Rights recites:

Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20006. You may have additional rights under Maine's FCRA, Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, Sec 1311 et seq. (Emphasis in original, except for underlining of "Maine.")

- 41. The Summary of Rights does not contain the statutorily-required language prescribed by Massachusetts law informing the consumer that the reporting agency shall upon the request of the consumer provide the consumer a copy of such report upon its completion. Rather, the Summary of Rights document contains language required by the law of the State of Maine.
- 42. Prior to the decision not to hire Plaintiff, Plaintiff was aware that the Federal charges could appear on a consumer report. He therefore emailed Uber's Boston location August 5, 2014 in an effort to provide details of the situation. In that email, Plaintiff makes abundantly clear that "[w]hile I may have been charged, I have not been tried nor have I ever been convicted of any crimes."
- 43. On that same day, Boston Community Operations Manager Brenna Dion replied stating that "[w]e will certainly take the information you provided into consideration."
- 44. On August 12, 2014 at 1:21AM, an automated email from "uberreports@hirease.com" informed Plaintiff that "[i]n reference to your proposal to enter an independent contractor relationship, Rasier Boston, MA regrets to inform you that they are unable to further consider your proposal at this time. The decision, in part, is the result of information obtained through the Consumer Reporting Agency identified below." (See Exhibit D, Email from uberreports@hirease.com, Tue. Aug. 12, 2014, 1:21AM).
- 45. Uber declined to hire Plaintiff on the basis of the information in the consumer report.
- 46. Prior to declining to hire Plaintiff, Defendants did not issue a compliant preadverse action notice to Plaintiff.

- 47. Plaintiff never received a compliant pre-adverse action notice either from Uber, Rasier, Hirease or any other party contracted by Uber to provide such notice.
- 48. Plaintiff was deprived of any meaningful opportunity to review the information in the consumer report and discuss it with Uber before it made the decision not to hire him as the automated email came at 1:21AM and did not give meaningful consideration to Plaintiff's position on the matter.
- 49. On information and belief, Defendants conduct five or more criminal background checks annually and therefore are required to maintain a written criminal offender record information policy.
- 50. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff with a copy of any "CORI" or other background check policy.
- 51. Defendants did not provide Plaintiff with a copy of the "Massachusetts Information Concerning the Process in Correcting a Criminal Record" pamphlet required by statute and available at http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/chsb/cori-process-correcting-criminal-record.pdf.
- 52. On August 12, 2014 at 9:37AM, Plaintiff emailed Brenna Dion urging Uber to engage in individualized consideration of his situation. In response, Uber stated:

"Please know that we review every application extremely thoroughly. While we sincerely appreciate your interest in partnering with Uber, we cannot move forward with your application. . . Please understand that this is purely a business decision." (Exhibit E, Email chain of Mark Goldberg and Brenna Dion, Aug. 12, 2014 9:37AM-1:31PM).

- 53. At 5:16PM that same day, Plaintiff emailed Uber once again questioning the legality of its refusal to hire on the basis of the information contained in the consumer report. Plaintiff further urged reconsideration of the matter. Plaintiff likewise expressed in no uncertain terms that "Massachusetts laws state that while Uber is entitled to conduct the background check, employers may not base any employment decision on arrests or prosecution that have not lead to a conviction."
- 54. The next morning, Jason Holt, Uber Boston Senior Operations Manager, personally emailed Plaintiff stating:

"As I am sure you know, Uber does not employ any drivers or own any vehicles. Our background checks are meant to ensure that we are connecting riders with the safest rides on the road. If at any time your circumstances change and you would like us to re-run your background check, please let us know." (Exhibit F, Email of Jason Holt to Mark Goldberg, Thu. Aug 15, 2014, 7:31AM)

55. Defendants' FCRA obligations apply regardless of whether Defendants viewed Plaintiff as a prospective "employee" or "independent contractor" – indeed, even if Defendants viewed Plaintiff as a prospective independent contractor, that

assumption is wrong under the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 148B. Defendants knew or should have known their duties under the FCRA to provide pre-adverse and adverse action notices compliant with 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3) and 15 U.S.C. § 1681m(a). Nevertheless, Defendants intentionally, recklessly, or grossly negligently failed to provide the same to Plaintiff.

- 56. Defendants knew or should have known their duties under M.G.L. c. 93 § 50 et seq. to maintain a CORI policy and to provide a copy of such policy to Plaintiff upon an adverse employment decision.
- 57. Defendants knew or should have known their duties to include in the adverse action notice the statutorily-prescribed language under M.G.L. c. 93 § 62 requiring the Defendants to inform the consumer of his rights in substantially the manner mandated by the statute.
- 58. Defendants' final adverse action notice advises Plaintiff of some Federally-required rights but fails to inform the Consumer of the following rights, required by M.G.L. c. 93 § 62, emphasized in bold, below:

"You have a right to obtain a copy of your credit file from a consumer credit reporting agency. You may be charged a reasonable fee not exceeding eight dollars. There is no fee, however, if you have been turned down for credit, employment, insurance, or rental dwelling because of information in your credit report within the preceding sixty days. The consumer credit reporting agency must provide someone to help you interpret the information in your credit file. Each calendar year you are entitled to receive, upon request, one free consumer credit report.

You have a right to dispute inaccurate information by contacting the consumer reporting agency directly, either in writing or by telephone. The consumer reporting agency shall provide, upon request and without unreasonable delay, a live representative of the consumer reporting agency to assist in dispute resolution whenever possible and practicable, or to the extent consistent with federal law. However, neither you nor any credit repair company or credit service organization has the right to have accurate, current, and verifiable information removed from your credit report. In most cases, under state and federal law, the consumer credit reporting agency must remove accurate, negative information from your report only if it is over seven years old, and must remove bankruptcy information only if it is over ten years old.

If you have notified a consumer credit reporting agency in writing that you dispute the accuracy of information in your file, the consumer credit reporting agency must then, within thirty business days, reinvestigate and modify or remove inaccurate information. The consumer credit reporting agency may not charge a fee for this service. Any pertinent information and copies of all documents you have concerning a dispute should be given to the consumer credit reporting agency.

If reinvestigation does not resolve the dispute to your satisfaction, you may send a statement to the consumer credit reporting agency to keep in your file, explaining why you think the record is inaccurate. The consumer credit reporting agency must include your statement about the disputed information in a report it issues about you.

You have a right to receive a record of all inquires relating to a credit transaction initiated in

the six months preceding your request, or two years in the case of a credit report used for employment purposes. This record shall include the recipients of any consumer credit report.

You have the right to opt out of any prescreening lists compiled by or with the assistance of a consumer credit reporting agency by calling the agency's toll-free telephone number or contacting the agency in writing. You may be entitled to collect compensation, in certain circumstances, if you are damaged by a person's negligent or intentional failure to comply with the credit reporting act.

You have a right to request a "security freeze" on your consumer report. The security freeze will prohibit a consumer reporting agency from releasing any information in your consumer report without your express authorization. A security freeze shall be requested by sending a request either by certified mail, overnight mail or regular stamped mail to a consumer reporting agency, or as authorized by regulation. The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans or services from being approved in your name without your consent. You should be aware that using a security freeze may delay, interfere with, or prevent the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding new loans, credit, mortgage, insurance, government services or payments, rental housing, employment, investment, license, cellular phone, utilities, digital signature, internet credit card transactions, or other services, including an extension of credit at point of sale.

When you place a security freeze on your consumer report, within 5 business days of receiving your request for a security freeze, the consumer reporting agency shall provide you with a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your consumer report or to authorize the release of your consumer report to a specific party or for a specified period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide the following:-

- (1) the personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- (2) proper identification to verify your identity; and
- (3) the third party or parties who are to receive the consumer report or the specified period of time for which the report shall be available to authorized users of the consumer report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift a freeze on a consumer report shall comply with the request not later than 3 business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze shall not apply to a person or entity, or to its affiliates, or collection agencies acting on behalf of the person or entity, with which you have an existing account, that requests information relative to your consumer report for the purposes of reviewing or collecting the account, if you have previously given consent to the use of your consumer report. "Reviewing the account" includes activities related to account maintenance, monitoring, credit line increases, and account upgrades and enhancements.

- 59. During the relevant period, Hirease provided and continues to provide consumer reports to Uber and Rasier under a service agreement. Plaintiff is informed and believes that under the service agreement, Uber and Rasier certified to Hirease that they would comply with the FCRA, including provisions specifically and directly relating to their duties to provide pre-adverse action and adverse action notices to its job applicants and employees.
- 60. Defendants knowingly, voluntarily, and with the assistance of counsel signed the

service agreement including the above-mentioned certification.

- 61. Therefore, Defendants are well aware of their obligations to provide compliant pre-adverse action and adverse action notices to its job applicants and employees whenever it decides to take adverse action. Nevertheless, Defendants Uber and Rasier neither directly provide such notices nor do they contract with Hirease to do so.
- 62. In direct violation of the FCRA and M.G.L. c. 93, whenever adverse action is taken against an applicant on the basis of information disclosed on a consumer report, Defendants simply tell the applicant that the adverse action is "purely a business decision." Defendants do not afford the applicants the procedural safeguards mandated by law as described above including failing to provide consumers with pre-adverse action notice, along with a reasonable opportunity to dispute the information *before* taking adverse action.
- 63. On information and belief, among its service offerings, Hirease provides a package of services which purport to assist the employer in complying with the FCRA by automatically generating and emailing pre-adverse action and adverse action notices to the consumer along with a copy of the consumer report under the employer's letterhead whenever there has been an adverse action adjudication by Hirease based on pre-determined criteria supplied by Uber and Rasier.
- 64. Consumer reporting agencies routinely provide a similar service and many employers purchase it. Uber and Rasier could have easily and cost-effectively complied with the mandates of the FCRA and G.L. c. 93 by purchasing such services, but failed to do so.
- 65. Uber knew or had reason to know that its conduct was inconsistent with published FTC guidance interpreting the FCRA and the plain language of the statute as applicable to independent contractors. Advisory Opinion to Allison (02-23-98) available at http://www.ftc.gov/policy/advisory-opinions/advisory-opinion-allison-02-23-98 (last viewed October 29, 2014).
- 66. Pursuant to M.G.L. 151B, Section 4(9), and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, an employer may not utilize as a factor in determining any condition of employment including hiring, promotion, or termination, any record of an arrest that did not result in conviction including but not limited to charges that have been dismissed, disposed of prior to trial, or never prosecuted. See http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/practices/inquiries_arrest_conviction.cfm
- 67. In direct and knowing violation of these statutes, Defendants denied Plaintiff's employment on the basis of an arrest alone.

STATEMENT OF CLAIMS

COUNT I - Violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act 15 U.S.C. §§ 1681b(b)(3)(A) (on behalf of Plaintiff and the Class)

- 68. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
- 69. Defendants used a "consumer report," as defined by the FCRA, to take adverse employment action against Plaintiff and other members of the Putative Class.
- 70. Defendants violated the FCRA by failing to acquire from Plaintiff and Class members proper authorization prior to conducting the background check and/or did not utilize an authorization with the requisite statutory requirements.
- 71. Defendants violated the FCRA by failing to provide Plaintiff and other Putative Class members, prior to taking adverse action, with notice that adverse action would be taken in whole or in part based on a consumer report.
- 72. The foregoing violations were willful. Defendants acted in deliberate or reckless disregard of its obligations and the rights of Plaintiff and other Class members under 15 U.S.C. § 1681b(b)(3)(A). The willfulness of Defendants' conduct is reflected by, among other things, the following facts:
 - a. Based on the plain language of the statute, legal advice provided by its own general counsel, or outside employment counsel, and published FTC guidance, Defendants knew or should have known that its failure to provide compliant pre-adverse actions notice was unlawful;
 - b. Based on published FTC guidance, Defendants knew or should have known that its choice to consider itself exempt from the provisions of the FCRA because they believe themselves to utilize independent contractors and not employees was unlawful:
 - c. Defendants could have complied with the statutory duty to provide a preadverse action notice either by sending the notice directly to the affected consumer job applicant, or by contracting with Hirease to do so on its behalf:
 - d. Despite the clear notice of the law, full ability to comply, and ample opportunity to do so, Defendants failed to adopt any measure or mechanism which would have provided the required notice to Plaintiff and the Class.
- 73. Plaintiff and the Putative Class are entitled to statutory damages of not less than

- \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 for each and every one of these violations, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(1)(A).
- 74. Plaintiff and the Putative Class are further entitled to recover their costs and attorney's fees, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1681n(a)(3).

COUNT II – Violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Credit Reporting Act M.G.L c. 93 §§ 50 et seq.

- 75. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
- 76. Defendants used a "consumer report" as defined by the MCRA to take adverse employment action against Plaintiff and other members of the Putative Class.
- 77. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to include statutorily-required language in its Summary of Rights document.
- 78. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to password protect and encrypt consumer reports.
- 79. Defendants violated the MCRA by storing and transmitting consumer reports through cloud-based, public storage systems.
- 80. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to maintain and to provide a CORI policy.
- 81. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to provide to applicants a copy of the DCJIS pamphlet.
- 82. Defendants violated the MCRA by failing to advise Plaintiff and the Members of the Putative Class of the statutorily-required rights in M.G.L. c. 93 § 62 in their adverse action notice.
- 83. The foregoing violations were willful. Defendants acted in deliberate or reckless disregard of their obligations and the rights of Plaintiff and other Class members under M.G.L. c. 93 § 50 et seq.
- 84. Plaintiff and the Class Members are entitled to:
 - a. Any actual damages sustained by the consumer as a result of the failure;
 - b. Such amount of punitive damages as the court may allow;
 - c. The costs of this action together with reasonable attorney's fees as determined by the court, and
 - d. Treble damages and attorney fees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 93 § 68, incorporating by reference M.G.L. 93A § 2(a).

COUNT III - VIOLATION OF M.G.L. c. 151B² (on behalf of the Plaintiff and the Subclass)

- 85. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates each of the foregoing paragraphs as fully set forth herein.
- 86. Defendants violated M.G.L. c. 151B by taking adverse action against Plaintiff and the other Putative Class members on the basis of records of arrests that did not result in conviction in violation of M.G.L. c. 151B.
- 87. Plaintiff and the Putative Class are entitled to actual or statutory damages, back pay, front pay, emotional distress damages, and punitive damages for each and every one of these violations plus costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, PLAINTIFF seeks judgment in favor of himself and the proposed Class and Subclasses:

- That an order be entered certifying a proposed FCRA class and a proposed MCRA class and appointing Plaintiff and his counsel to represent the Class and Subclasses;
- 2. That statutory penalties be entered against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiff and Class members, which should be multiplied as may be statutorily required;
- 3. That punitive damages be assessed against Defendants;
- 4. That the Court award costs and reasonable attorney's fees against Defendants;
- 5. That Plaintiff and the subclass be awarded compensatory and punitive damages on claims under Chapter 151B; and
- 6. That the court grant all such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

² Plaintiff recognizes that this claim is not quite ripe in court until he has exhausted administrative remedies and removed his MCAD action to this Court. Plaintiff has filed the requisite MCAD action. Accordingly, this count is pleaded as a placeholder until the requisite time passes for plaintiff to withdraw his MCAD action from the MCAD. Plaintiff agrees not to pursue this count in court until such time.

A JURY TRIAL IS DEMANDED ON ALL ISSUES SO TRIABLE.

DATED OCTOBER 29, 2014

THE PLAINTIFF

MARK GOLBERG on his own behalf and on

Behalf of all others similarly situated

BY

Michael T. Marshall, Esq.

BBO: 678550

The Law Office of Michael T. Marshall, Esq.

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Medford, MA 02155

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Michael@MLBoston.com

Exhibit A

Email of partnersboston@uber.com to Mark Goldberg, July 22, 2014, 8:27PM, "Your UberX Application"



Mark Goldberg <marqoe@gmail.com>

Your UberX Application

1 message

partnersboston@uber.com <pertnersboston@uber.com>

Tue, Jul 22, 2014 at 8:27 PM

To: marqoe@gmail.com

H! Mark,

Applying to partner with Uber is easy! Go to partners.uber.com.

You'll need to complete THREE steps before you hit the road. This should take about 30 minutes total. Once you've completed these three easy steps, we'll be able to ship a phone directly to you!

STEP 1: Complete the FREE online background check: http://t.uber.com/bosXbc (5 minutes)

Please note that you may have already completed this background check when you signed up. If you try to fill out the background check again, you will get a message saying that "your email address has already been registered."

STEP 2: Upload required documents to partners.uber.com (5 minutes)

The following documents are required to partner with Uber:

- Driver's license
- Car registration
- Personal Insurance documentation
- Car make / model (2004 or newer) / plate

To upload documents, sign in to https://partners.uber.com with your username and password. Follow the website instructions to upload images of these documents.

If you have trouble with this step, e-mail a photo of your personal insurance, car registration, and driver's license to bostondocs@uber.com. Please include your cell phone # in the email.

STEP 3: Pass online quiz (20 minutes)

- A. Click here to view the video: http://t.uber.com/bosXquiz.
- B. Click the "Start" button
- C. Complete the videos and final quiz

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Forgot your password? Click here to reset your password: https://partners.uber.com/#!/forgot-password	
Got questions? Email us at partnersboston@uber.com	
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Exhibit B

Email of uberreports@hirease.com to Mark Goldberg, Aug. 4 2014 9:36PM



Mark Goldberg <marqos@gmail.com>

Rasier Boston, MA [Encrypt]

uberreports@hirease.com <uberreports@hirease.com>
To: marqos@gmail.com

Mon, Aug 4, 2014 et 9:36 PM

Consumer

With regard to your proposal to enter an independent contractor relationship with Resier Boston, MA, you authorized them to procure a consumer report. Enclosed is a copy of the consumer report that you authorized. Also enclosed is a copy of the "Summary of Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act." These are being provided to you pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

Currently, a decision is pending regarding your proposal. The contents of the enclosed report are under review and are being considered with regard to your proposal.

Please note HIREASE, INC. plays NO PART in the eligibility decision. HIREASE, INC. is UNABLE to provide you with the specific reason(s) for Resier Boston, MA not agreeing to your proposal.

This consumer report was used only for purposes of determining your eligibility as an independent contractor and was prepared for us by a consumer reporting agency. If this report contains any information that is ineccurate or incomplete, please contact HIREASE, INC. immediately so that the corrected or disputed information can be reviewed prior to a decision being made.

Their mailing address and phone number are listed below:

HIREASE, INC. PO Box 2659 Southern Pines, NC 28388 Valor: 265, 580, 3506 Fey: 86

Voice: 866-680-3596 Fax: 866-693-1785

www.hirease.com

Within 60 days of receipt of this notice, you may, upon providing proper identification, request another free copy of the report. Further, you may dispute the completaness or accuracy of any information in the report by contacting Hirsess at the above address. Upon notice from you of a dispute, a re-verification will be made unless there are reasonable grounds to believe the dispute is frivolous or irrelevant. If parts of the report are deleted or changed because of this re-verification, Rasier Boston, MA and the consumer will receive a corrected report.

Again,

Please note HIREASE, INC. plays NO PART in the eligibility decision. HIREASE, INC. is UNABLE to provide you with the specific reason(s) for Resier Boston, MA not agreeing to your proposal.

Your report has been password protected. The password is your drivers license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number and the first 3 letters of your last name.

Exhibit C

"MarkGoldberg390.pdf" printout.

CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND REPORT FOR:

COMPANY:

Raster Boston, MA Boston, MA

REFERENCE:

REQUESTOR: David Dreyfus CLIENT #: RRASBM13

PHORE S: FAX S:

DATE COMPLETED:

8/4/2014 1:29 PM

DATE RECEIVED:

7/29/2014 9:09 PM

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Level 2 Package

FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT NOTICE:

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APPLICANT'S LAST NAME/FIRST/MIDDLE:

Goldberg, Mark

DATE OF SERTH

8/14/****

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ADORESS: 15 Sentinel Rd

Hingham, MA 02043

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SEARCH TYPE: County - Felony and Misdemeanor

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TERM: 7+ Years

RETURNED: 8/4/2014 1:28 PM

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LOCATION: Los Angeles, CA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark

SEARCH TYPE: County - Felony and Misdemeanor

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TERM: 7+ Years

RETURNED: 7/30/2014 1:41 AM

COMPLETE

LOCATION: San Francisco, CA

NAME SEARCHED! Goldberg, Mark

BEARCH TYPE: County - Felony and Misdemeanor

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TERMS 7+ Years

RETURNED: 7/30/2014 9:23 PM

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LOCATION: Statewide, NY

NAME SEARCHED! Goldberg, Mark

SEARCH TYPE: Statewide - Felony and Misdemeanor

SUBMETTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TEMP: 7+ Years

RETURNED: 7/31/2014 9:18 AM

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LOCATION: California Northern, CA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark

SEARCH TYPE: Federal District

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TEMP: 7+ Years

RETURNED: 6/1/2014 5:06 PM

CASE ID: 3:14-cr:00016-MMC-4

MANE: MARK GOLDBERG

OTHER: FULL NAME AND FULL ADDRESS MATCH

OFFENSE TYPE: FELONY FILE DATE: 01/09/2014

CHARGE: Conspiracy to Manufacture, Possess With Intent to Distribute and to Distribute Manjuana

DISPOSITION DESC: PENDING TRIAL; NEXT COURT DATE IS 9/17/2014 @2:15PM

DESPOSITION DATE: ONGOING TRIAL/UKN

LOCATION: Massachusetts, MA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark

SEARCH TYPE: Federal District
SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TERM: 7+ Years

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RETURNED: 8/1/2014 5:06 PH

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LOCATION: California Central, CA

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Mark SEARCH TYPE: Federal District

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TEMPS: 7+ Years

RETURNED: 7/29/2014 11:05 PM

COMPLETE

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LOCATION: New York Southern, NY

NAME SEARCHED: Goldberg, Merk
SEARCH TYPE: Federal District

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

TERM: 7+ Years

RETURNED: 8/1/2014 5:04 PM

COMPLETE

SOCIAL TRACE

SEARCH TYPE: Social Security Trace

SUBMITTED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

RETURNED: 7/29/2014 9:09 PM

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Goldberg, Mark L.

ESSUE STATE: MA

288UE DATE: 1973-1975

Goldberg, Mark L

RPTD: 1994-10-01 to 2014-07-01

COUNTY: PLYMOUTH

DISTRICT: MASSACHUSETTS

Goldberg, Mark L

COUNTY: LOS ANGELES

RPTD: 2010-06-01 to 2013-01-01

DISTRICT: CALIFORNIA CENTRAL

Goldberg, Mark L

COUNTY: SAN FRANCISCO

RPTD: 2010-08-01 to 2012-09-01

DISTRICT: CALIFORNIA NORTHERN

Goldberg, Mark L

COUNTY: NEW YORK

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RPTD: 2010-03-01 to 2010-03-01

DESTRUCT: NEW YORK SOUTHERN

Exhibit D

Email from uberreports@hirease.com, Tue. Aug. 12, 2014, 1:21AM



Mark Goldberg <marqoe@gmail.com>

Rasier Boston, MA

1 message

uberreports@htresse.com <uberreports@htresse.com> To: marqos@gmail.com Tue, Aug 12, 2014 at 1:21 AM

Dear Consumer:

In reference to your proposal to enter an independent contractor relationship, Rasier Boston, MA regrets to inform you that they are unable to further consider your proposal at this time. The decision, in part, is the result of information obtained through the Consumer Reporting Agency identified below.

In accordance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act, you have previously received a copy of this information and a copy of your rights under the Act. You have the right to obtain within 60 days of receipt of this letter a free copy of your consumer report from the Consumer Reporting Agency as Identified below, which complies and maintains files on consumers on a nationwide basis.

You have the right to dispute any information contained in the report that you believe may be inaccurate or incomplete by contacting Hirease or, if the report is a credit report, by contacting the credit bureau that furnished the report.

The report was furnished to us by:

Hirease, Inc. Attn: Applicant Screening P O Box 2559 Southern Pines NC 28388 (866) 680-3596

Please understand that while Hirease, Inc. provided the report, they DID NOT make this decision, and they are UNABLE to provide you the specific reasons as to why Rester Boston, MA made this decision.

8/19/14, 9:13 AM

Exhibit E

Email chain of Mark Goldberg and Brenna Dion, Aug. 12, 2014 9:37AM-1:31PM



Mark Goldberg <marqos@gmail.com>

[Uber] Re: My applications status and UberX candidacy

Brenna Dion <notifications-support@ubercab.zendesk.com>
Reply-To: Uber <support+id8887496@ubercab.zendesk.com>
To: Marqus <marqus@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 12, 2014 at 4:31 PM

UBER

##- Please type your reply above this line -##

Your request (8687496) has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.

Brenna Dion (Uber)

Aug 12 13:31

Hi Mark,

Thanks for your reply. Please know that we review every application extremely thoroughly. While we sincerely appreciate your interest in partnering with Uber, we cannot move forward with your application. I have no doubt that you are a caring and polite individual, and I appreciate you taking the time to email regarding your application. Please understand that this purely a business decision.

Sincerely,

Brenna

Community Operations Manager

uber.com | facebook.com/uber | @uber

Margos

Aug 12 09:37

Dear Brenna,

I received an email last night confirming my background report. My hope is that you will have compassion for my unique circumstances, given that I haven't been convicted of any crimes, have a clean driving record and don't use any drugs, have no history of violence, and have offered an official reference to confirm the veracity of my statements.

I understand how it may be much easier simply to deny my eligibility, but I think that under careful consideration you will see that this is a very low-risk situation for Uber, with a great deal of upside. I believe that if you gave me a chance you would see that I would only perform as a stellar addition to your fleet. I am responsible, caring, polite, and aim to exceed passenger expectations in every way possible. Please take a chance on me, I won't let you down.

Sincerely,

Mark Goldberg 617-505-8290

Brenna Dion (Uber) [Quoted text hidden]

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Exhibit F

Email of Jason Holt to Mark Goldberg, Thu. Aug 15, 2014, 7:31AM



Mark Goldberg <marqoe@gmail.com>

[Uber] Re: My applications status and UberX candidacy

Jacon Holt <notifications-support@ubercab.zendesk.com>
Reply-To: Uber <support+id8887496@ubercab.zendesk.com>
To: Marque <marque@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 15, 2014 at 10:31 AM

UBER

##- Please type your raply above this line -##

Your request (8687496) has been updated. To add additional comments, reply to this email.

Jason Holt (Uber) Aug 15 07:31

Dear Mark.

Thanks for your email and we appreciate you reaching out. As I am sure you know, Uber does not employ any drivers or own any vehicles. Our background checks are meant to ensure that we are connecting riders with the safest rides on the road. If at any time your circumstances change and you would like us to re-run your background check, please let us know.

Best regards,

Jason

Uber Boston Senior Operations Manager

Marqos Aug 14 14:16

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